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Office on Violence Against Women

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Ms. Carlotta Grandstaff
Chairperson, County Board of Commissioners
Ravalli County
205 Bedford Street, Suite G
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Re: Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Order Program

Dear Ms. Grandstaff:

Thank you for submitting a proposal to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Order Program (Arrest Program). In Federal Fiscal Year 2008, \$59,220,000 was appropriated with rescissions, for this program. We received 170 proposals requesting a total of \$103,066,687.65. Because we received more applications than we were able to financially support, we regret that your project was not selected for funding at this time.

Your application was reviewed by OVW and an external peer review panel of experts representing the areas of victim advocacy, law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary and other relevant professions. The Arrest Program applications were reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in the grant solicitation. Final selections were made based on scores, with consideration given to the demographic characteristics of the service area and performance on previous awards.

We thank you for taking the time and effort to develop and submit your application. We encourage you to submit future applications to OVW and anticipate that the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program Solicitation will be released in December 2008. At that time, application information will be available on our Web site at: www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact OVW at (202) 307-6026 and ask to speak to a staff member of the Arrest Program Unit. Again, thank you for your interest in the Arrest Program.

Sincerely,

Cindy Dyer
Director

